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The Standing Wave Society Presents

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# Raven Tales

## standing wave ensemble

Sunday May 27, 2012, 8pm

The Cultch, 1895 Venables Street

\$22.00 general / \$17.00 students & seniors

Tickets through The Cultch box office • tickets.thecultch.com • 604.251.1363

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**Christie Reside, flute ♦ A-K Coope, clarinet ♦ Rebecca Whitting, violin**  
**Peggy Lee, cello ♦ Allen Stiles, piano ♦ Vern Griffiths, percussion**

Join **Standing Wave**, Vancouver's cutting edge chamber ensemble and special guests **The Git Hayetsk Dancers** for an evening of music borne of myth, legend, and nature featuring the premiere of award-winning Vancouver composer **Marcus Goddard's** *Raven Tales*, inspired by the work of renowned Nisga'a artist **Mike Dangeli**, and **George Crumb's** classic *Vox Balaenae*, with visual design and masks by Dangeli. Also including works of **Steven Mackey**, **Michael Colgrass** and **Paul Frehner**, along with **Olivier Messiaen's** *Le Merle Noir*, newly arranged by **Jennifer Butler**.

Standing Wave, in collaboration with Vancouver composer Marcus Goddard and First Nations artist Mike Dangeli, have created an evocative program combining dance, visual installations and new music. In First Nations culture, the raven holds a significant place, described alternately as a powerful creative force, a trickster, or a reflection of oneself. Goddard's new work, *Raven Tales* draws on this history, musically exploring how the complexities of the raven's character are echoed in the human world.

**Standing Wave** is an ensemble of six exceptional musicians who perform contemporary music with virtuosity and style, cutting across musical landscapes with sharpness, wit and intelligence. The ensemble is equally comfortable performing complex chamber compositions, new music and works with electro-acoustics. Their adventurous programming and dynamic performances combine to capture listeners' hearts and imaginations, placing Standing Wave at the forefront of Canada's new music scene.

**"...FRESH SOUNDS THAT TWIST AND SURPRISE... STANDING WAVE IS A VITAL CONTEMPORARY VOICE WITH DROP-DEAD INGENIOUS MUSICIANS."**

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